



## Tempe Art in Private Development



### Crossroads of Tempe

325 W. Elliot Road

### Russell Marohnic of Artscapes, Inc.

*Place of Repose*, 2006

Arizona sandstone

Artist website:

[www.home.earthlink.net/~stoneart](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~stoneart)

Photo: Robert Moore

**Description:** *Place of Repose* is a series of 5 custom-crafted sculptural benches. To the unobservant eye, they may appear to be simply benches, however they are meant to be viewed as sculptures first, and then viewed for their practical purpose second. Fabricated of hand-selected quarried Arizona sandstone, each sculpture represents one of 5 elements: fire, earth, metal, water and wood.

**Artist biography:** Marohnic's background includes space design, construction, and sculpture. Since 1992, he has been creating contemporary sculptures of native stone in his Artscapes, Inc. sculpture studio. It is important that his sculptures complement their surrounding environment and interact with the play of light. Marohnic hand picks his stones at quarries for coloration and veining, ensuring a one-of-a-kind character. He specializes in works created with metal, stone and/or glass, with tranquil engineered water sounds that are as unique as their shapes. Preserving the material and turning the stone into works of art to be appreciated is an act of love and passion for the artist. Marohnic has been featured in many national publications, and has created works for numerous public and commercial installations nationwide.

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